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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Toshiro HAYAKAWA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/801,695

Confirmation No.: 3297

Filed: March 9, 2001

Docket No: Q61191

Allowed: March 22, 2004

Group Art Unit: 2828

Examiner: Armando Rodriguez

For: "FUNDAMENTAL-TRANSVERSE-MODE INDEX-GUIDED SEMICONDUCTOR LASER
DEVICE HAVING UPPER OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE LAYER THINNER THAN LOWER
OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE LAYER"

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Applicant appreciates the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability which issued in the above-identified application on March 22, 2004. However, upon review Applicant notes two things.

First, in the Notice of Allowance, Applicant notes an error in the title. Specifically, the word "Fundatamental" is misspelled. Accordingly, please correct the title as follows: ~~--Fundatamental~~ Fundamental-Transverse-Mode Index-Guided Semiconductor Laser Device Having Upper Optical Waveguide Layer Thinner Than Lower Optical Waveguide Layer--.

Second, in the Notice of Allowability, Applicant notes that under item 3, it indicates that the drawings filed on March 1, 2001, have been accepted by the Examiner. The present application was filed in the U.S.P.T.O. on March 9, 2001. Appropriate correction is requested.

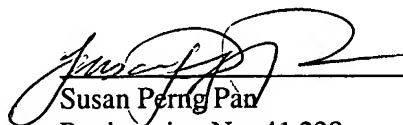
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